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SUBJ: SARKIS LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE (JULY 21, 1978)

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1. GOL CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HADDAD DELIVERED NOON JULY 21 A
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SARKIS REPLYING TO SECRETARY VANCE'S
LETTER OF JULY 16, 1978 (REFTEL). TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF JULY THE 17TH, AND FOR THE
KIND WORDS WHICH I DEEPLY APPRECIATED IN THOSE DIFFICULT AND
CRITICAL DAYS OF LEBANON'S HISTORY. FOR MY PART, I WILL
CONTINUE TO SPARE NO POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ATTAIN THE OBJEC-
TIVES THAT I HAVE DEDICATED MYSELF TO ACHIEVE, PARTICULARLY
THOSE AIMING TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY AND TO PRESERVE
THE NATIONAL UNITY, THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE DEMOCRATIC INSTI-
TUTIONS OF LEBANON. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE UNITED STATES
IS AMONG THE NATIONS ON WHICH WE DEPEND IN A SPECIAL WAY,
SINCE OUR TWO COUNTRIES BELIEVE IN THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL
VALUES. SINCERELY, ELIAS SARKIS. END QUOTE.

3. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED JULY 22, 1978 TO NEA/ARN POPE.
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